

These stories are from pages 4 and 25 of *First News*. Read the stories, and then try the puzzle. To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the stories – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



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● Snow in the Sahara

Yes, you read it right, it's been snowing in the Sahara Desert!

It is only the fourth time it has snowed in the Sahara in 42 years. The other three times were in 1979, 2017 and 2018.

The white stuff was spotted just outside the town of Ain Sefra on 19th January.

The photograph shows how the snow melted on the sand to create this beautiful pattern.



● Protected pongs

France has passed a new law to protect the noises and smells of the countryside. Animal pongs and noisy farm machines are included.

It comes after several cases where people have moved to the countryside and then complained about noise – for example, crowing roosters!

The law means people who want to live in the countryside will now have to accept that it comes with some noisy – and smelly – neighbours!



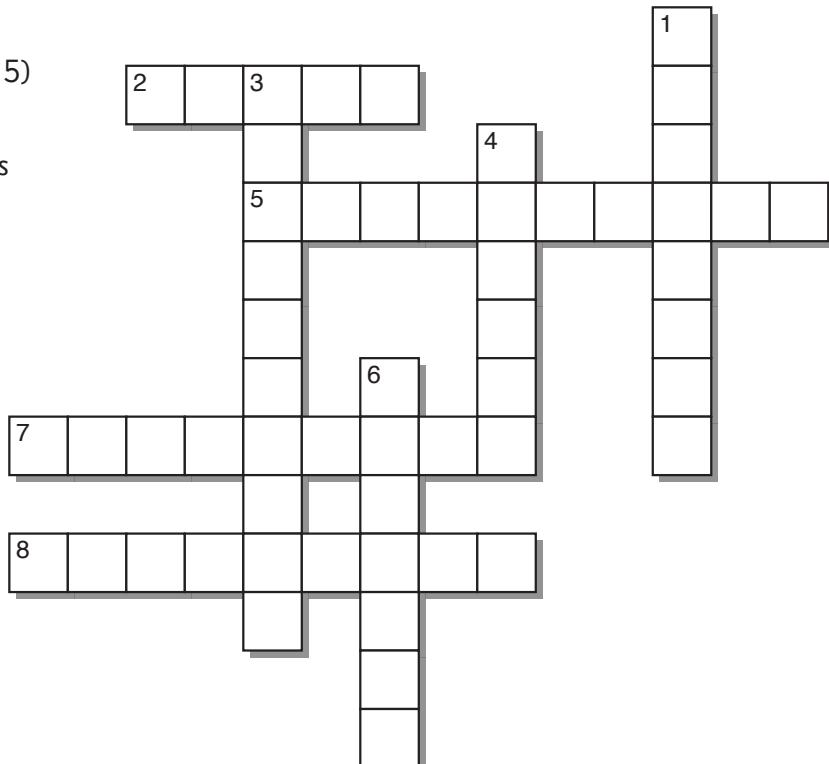
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- 2) Strong and unpleasant smells (plural noun 5)
- 5) Splendid; magnificent (adjective 10)
- 7) Spaceman or spacewoman; a person who is trained to travel in a spacecraft (noun 9)
- 8) When something is added to, so it looks more beautiful (verb 9)

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- 1) Time or space that has no end (noun 8)
- 3) People who live next door or nearby (plural noun 10)
- 4) Land, often covered with sand or rocks, where little rainfall means that hardly anything grows (noun 6)
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